

CLAIM SET AS AMENDED

1. (Currently Amended) A manual cutting tool for cutting cables, steel cord, rods to size, comprising:

stationary cutting means connected to a stationary handle; and

movable cutting means adapted to be moved against the stationary cutting means by a movable handle and transmission means,

said stationary and movable cutting means having associated therewith replaceable, concavely shaped cutting elements adapted to be connected in a frictional and shape lock,

the stationary and movable cutting means having pivot bores through their front free ends opposite the handles,

said pivot bores having passed therethrough a shank screw about which said movable cutting means can be pivoted relatively to the stationary cutting means,

said pivot bores extending asymmetrically through the ~~outer-front~~ free ends of the stationary and movable cutting means, and said front free ends having formed thereon a radially outer portion of increased material thickness and a radially inner portion of reduced material thickness, and

the stationary and movable cutting means having mutually facing guide shoulders, and the cutting elements having shoulders for inserting the cutting elements flush into the guide shoulders of a respective one of the stationary and movable cutting means.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The manual cutting tool as in claim 11, said replaceable cutting elements being flat shoulder-less mirror-image plate elements cut from solid full-hardened rod material.

4. (Previously Presented) The manual cutting tool as in claim 11, the cutting elements having chamfers at their front free ends and by the cutting elements each being adapted to be placed by said chamfers under internally located reduced-thickness portions of the respective opposite one of the stationary and movable cutting means.

5. (Previously Presented) The manual cutting means as in claim 11, the cutting elements having mutually facing relief angles merging with corresponding chamfered cutting angles of the stationary and movable cutting means.

6. (Currently Amended) The manual cutting tool as in claim 1, wherein the cutting elements having in the region of their shoulders radially inwardly extending chamfered cutting angles merging with corresponding relief angles of the cutting elements.

7. (Previously Presented) The manual cutting tool as in claim 1, the cutting elements having different relief angles and cutting angles depending on a material to be severed.

8. (Previously Presented) The manual cutting tool as in claim 1, the cutting elements being concavely shaped and being adapted to be connected with the stationary and movable cutting means in a precise fit by centering means.

9. (Previously Presented) The manual cutting tool as in claim 1, the replaceable cutting elements having different hardness levels depending on a material to be severed.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A manual cutting tool for cutting cables, steel cord, rods to size, comprising:

stationary cutting means connected to a stationary handle; and

movable cutting means adapted to be moved against the stationary cutting means by a movable handle and transmission means,

said stationary and movable cutting means having associated therewith replaceable, concavely shaped cutting elements adapted to be connected in a frictional and shape lock,

the stationary and movable cutting means having pivot bores through their front free ends opposite the handles,

said pivot bores having passed therethrough a shank screw about which said movable cutting means can be pivoted relatively to the stationary cutting means,

said pivot bores extending asymmetrically through the ~~outer~~front free ends of the stationary and movable cutting means, and said front free ends having formed thereon a radially outer portion of increased material thickness and a radially inner portion of reduced material thickness.

12. (Previously Presented) The manual cutting tool as in claim 11, the stationary and movable cutting means having mutually facing guide shoulders, and the cutting elements

having shoulders for inserting the cutting elements flush into the guide shoulders of the stationary and movable cutting means.

13. (Previously Presented) The manual cutting tool as in claim 11, said replaceable cutting elements having in their rear surfaces holding grooves by means of which they are floatingly mounted in a frictional and shaped-locked manner in the stationary and movable cutting means on matingly shaped holding tabs located in the region of guide shoulders of the stationary and movable cutting means.